

1           **CLAIMS**

2           **1.**     A method comprising:

3                 identifying at least one role associated with a target server;

4                 identifying one or more services associated with the role;

5                 identifying one or more ports associated with the role;

6                 presenting the identified services and ports associated with the role to a  
7 user; and

8                 requesting the user to select among the identified ports for activation in the  
9 target server.

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11           **2.**     A method as recited in claim 1 wherein the identified services and  
12 ports are limited to those that are relevant based on information obtained from a  
13 knowledge base.

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15           **3.**     A method as recited in claim 1 wherein the identified services and  
16 ports are limited to those that are relevant based on information regarding a target  
17 server.

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19           **4.**     A method as recited in claim 1 further comprising activating the  
20 selected services and ports.

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22           **5.**     A method as recited in claim 4 wherein services associated with the  
23 role are identified from a knowledge base.

1       6. A method as recited in claim 4 wherein ports associated with the role  
2 are identified from a knowledge base.

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4       7. A method as recited in claim 1 further comprising deactivating the  
5 unselected services and ports.

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7       8. A method as recited in claim 1 further comprising generating an  
8 output file containing services and ports selected by the user.

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10      9. A method as recited in claim 1 further comprising displaying details  
11 regarding the role in response to a request by the user.

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13      10. A method as recited in claim 1 further comprising displaying a list  
14 of options for handling a service associated with the target server that is not  
15 defined in a knowledge base.

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17      11. A method as recited in claim 10 further comprising requesting the  
18 user to select an option for handling the service.

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20      12. One or more computer-readable memories containing a computer  
21 program that is executable by a processor to perform the method recited in claim  
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1           **13.** A method comprising:

2           identifying one or more roles associated with a target server;

3           identifying one or more services associated with the roles;

4           displaying the identified services associated with the roles;

5           allowing a user to modify the displayed services; and

6           identifying the selected services as active services and identifying the  
7 unselected services as inactive services.

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9           **14.** A method as recited in claim 13 wherein identifying services  
10 associated with the role includes retrieving data from a knowledge base.

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12           **15.** A method as recited in claim 13 further comprising generating an  
13 output file containing services modified by the user.

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15           **16.** A method as recited in claim 13 wherein the user is responsible for  
16 configuring the target server.

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18           **17.** A method as recited in claim 13 further comprising generating an  
19 output file identifying active ports and inactive ports.

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21           **18.** One or more computer-readable memories containing a computer  
22 program that is executable by a processor to perform the method recited in claim  
23 13.

1           **19.**    A method comprising:  
2               identifying a role associated with a target server;  
3               identifying one or more ports associated with the role;  
4               presenting the identified ports associated with the role to a user;  
5               requesting the user to select among the identified ports associated with the  
6               role; and

7               identifying the selected ports as active ports and identifying the unselected  
8               ports as inactive ports.

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10          **20.**    A method as recited in claim 19 further comprising generating an  
11       output file identifying ports selected by the user.

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13          **21.**    A method as recited in claim 19 wherein the one or more ports are  
14       identified using information contained in a knowledge base.

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16          **22.**    A method as recited in claim 19 wherein the user is responsible for  
17       configuring the target server.

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19          **23.**    A method as recited in claim 22 further comprising:  
20               displaying one or more ports associated with the role; and  
21               requesting the user to select among the one or more ports to activate in the  
22       target server.

1           **24.** One or more computer-readable memories containing a computer  
2 program that is executable by a processor to perform the method recited in claim  
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5           **25.** An apparatus comprising:

6                 a pre-processor to receive information regarding server roles from a  
7 knowledge base and to receive characteristics of a target server, wherein the pre-  
8 processor generates a file containing server role information relevant to the target  
9 server, and wherein information in the file regarding services and ports associated  
10 with the server roles is presented to a user for selection; and

11                 a configuration engine coupled to the pre-processor, wherein the  
12 configuration engine configures the target server based on the user's selection of  
13 services and ports.

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15           **26.** An apparatus as recited in claim 25 further comprising a user  
16 interface application to generate an output file identifying services selected by the  
17 user.

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19           **27.** An apparatus as recited in claim 25 further comprising a user  
20 interface application to generate an output file identifying ports selected by the  
21 user.

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23           **28.** An apparatus as recited in claim 26 wherein the configuration  
24 engine applies the output file when configuring the target server.

1           **29.** An apparatus as recited in claim 27 wherein the configuration  
2 engine applies the output file when configuring the target server.  
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5           **30.** One or more computer-readable media having stored thereon a  
6 computer program that, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one  
7 or more processors to:  
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- identify a role associated with a target server;
- identify one or more services associated with the role;
- identify one or more ports associated with the role;
- display the identified services and ports associated with the role; and
- receive selected services and ports to be activated on the target server.

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14           **31.** One or more computer-readable media as recited in claim 30  
15 wherein the one or more processors further activate the selected services and ports  
16 during configuration of the target server.  
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18           **32.** One or more computer-readable media as recited in claim 30  
19 wherein the one or more processors further deactivate unselected services and  
20 ports during configuration of the target server.  
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1           **33.** One or more computer-readable media as recited in claim 30  
2 wherein the one or more processors further identify the one or more services and  
3 the one or more ports associated with the role are identified from a knowledge  
4 base.

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6           **34.** One or more computer-readable media as recited in claim 30  
7 wherein the one or more processors further display one or more options for  
8 handling a service associated with the target server that is not defined in a  
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